

Visual Arts & Ceramics

Spring 2023, Room A134

WELCOME!



My hope is that through art you might discover new things about yourself, others, and the world around us. Art is, first and foremost, one of our most effective ways to communicate. I want all of my students to learn to use art to find their voice and maybe discover they actually enjoy learning through hands-on experience.

Many of my students this semester are returning, and many of them are new to me. I'm excited you are here! I want you to know that it is very important that all students feel welcome and comfortable in my classroom. Everyone benefits and learns more in an environment that is relaxing and interesting. Please let me know if you ever have any concerns or if you need anything. I am invested in your child's success.

I'm Mrs. Andrew, and I've been teaching high school art for 13 years, and this is my 14th. I live in Albemarle with my husband and 3 year old daughter.

If you are having trouble purchasing supplies (listed to the right, please let me know and we can make different arrangements!

Please take a moment to fill out the contact information below, & the Photo Consent Form on the back. I promise I won't spam you! Need to contact me? Email me at lauren.andrew@cabarrus.k12.nc.us, text me directly through remind 101 (class codes on my teacher website, syllabus, and Canvas course.

You can also follow us on Facebook!: Art in A134

SUPPLIES & FEES

Visual Arts

- Spiral Bound Sketchbook
- Pencils
- 10\$ class fee
(Optional but recommended):
- Colored pencils
- sharpie
- markers
- glue stick

Ceramics

- 3 ring binder
- pencils
- 20\$ class fee
- Spare Tee shirt
(Please Donate if possible!):
- Plastic bags
- newspaper
- small cardboard boxes.

GUARDIAN CONTACT INFO FOR: *

* Guardian Name/s _____

(student's name)

* Email/s _____

* Preferred Method of Contact:

* Cell number/s _____ Is it ok to text?

Cell

Email

_____ Is it ok to text?

Other: _____

* Workplace & _____
number/s _____

* Ideally, I would like to be updated:

Check if you ONLY want to be called at work in the event of an emergency

Semi-weekly

Monthly

As needed

* Home phone/s _____
(if different than cell) _____

Photo Consent Form

In an effort to recognize student achievement and highlight Mount Pleasants' Visual Arts & Ceramics programs, I often take photographs of students progress and artwork for use in the school yearbook, the Art in A134 private Facebook group for students & parents, and other online media managed by our school. Sharing school news helps the community stay informed with the latest happenings in my classroom and it is a tribute to the accomplishments of our students, our school and our community. I will never post any picture of your child or your child's work without their express approval, and would like to ask for your consent to take photographs/videos of those events or activities that may contain images of your child.

Please fill out and sign this form and return to Mrs. Andrew

I give Mrs. Andrew acting in official capacity as a MPHS staff member my permission to take photos or otherwise capture the image of my child(ren) for any legal use, including but limited to: publicity, copyright purposes, illustration, school advertising and web content.

I completely understand if you choose not to consent to photographing your child(ren). If you explicitly do not wish to grant us such permission, please check the box below:

I DO NOT give Mrs. Andrew my permission to take photos or otherwise capture the image of my child(ren) for any reason.

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(parent/guardian signature)

(date)

Syllabus

VISUAL ARTS & CERAMICS

I. Basic Procedures:

1. Come on in and sit down. Please don't gather at the doorway and quickly turn in your phone.
2. Get out your sketchbook/notebook and work on the warm-up.
3. Wait for instructions and directions.
**We will not always be immediately picking back up where we last left off, so please wait before grabbing up project supplies.*

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
✓ Talk with each other during classwork.	✗ Talk with each other during instruction/announcements.
✓ Calmly leave your seat to get needed supplies.	✗ Run anywhere, or rough-house with friends, ever.
✓ Ask to go to the bathroom during classwork, or just leave in emergencies.	✗ Leave class without permission, or ask to go to the bathroom at the exact same time ,every day.
✓ Ask to use your phone for photo references or as a tool, and then return it to storage.	✗ Check your snaps or text someone back "real-quick".

II. Specific Assignments:

SKETCHBOOKS

You should bring your sketchbook/binder to class every day. You will have a warm-up (typically notes or quick exercise) to record in it daily and a weekly sketch. Your weekly sketch is really the only "homework" you have in this course, and it should be completed by the beginning of class on Fridays. You will need to upload a photo of your sketch & warmups for that week to Canvas every Friday, and that grade is worth 25 points. 10 of those points come from the completion of warm-ups, 15 come from your weekly sketch (which you should spend around 30 minutes on). Sketchbooks are worth 25% of your grade, so you need to keep up with this.

PROJECTS

Due dates are are not flexible. Turn your project in even if it is not finished. Unfinished work will receive a grade based upon the percentage complete. PLEASE put your name on the back of your work. You can resubmit it, finished, at a later date for a higher grade. You are not allowed to resubmit if you haven't submitted it on time. Often you may have to take work on your project outside of class time. If you do not turn a project in, you will receive a zero at the end of the 9 weeks grading period. Projects are worth up to 100 points and 50% of your grade, so completing them should take priority.

To send/ receive text messages about class:
(text your class code to 81010)

INTERMEDIATE ART: @A134ARTTWO
BEGINNING CERAMICS: @BEGINCERAM
INTERMEDIATE CERAMICS: @A134ARTONE

Follow on Facebook: Art in A134

Email: lauren.andrew@cabarrus.k12.nc.us

CLASSWORK

Classwork includes activities, critiques, tests, and even the maintenance of the classroom studio.

*Critiques are basically a discussion and reflection of your work (they can be oral or written) and they are particularly valuable to any career path you may choose. They are worth 25pts each.

*Studio Maintenance is vital in keeping our classroom functioning in order to make art safely and effectively. You will be assigned a weekly maintenance duty, and receive 25 pts for the completion of that duty.

*Tests: I'm not a huge fan of these, but they can provide valuable data to make sure we are on track in learning necessary vocabulary, tools, processes, etc. that support your creativity. We'll only have one test, the mid-term, and your score will be averaged in with the rest of your classwork grades. All classwork grades are worth 25 points & add up to about 25% of your final grade.

LATE WORK POLICY:

If you are absent on a day something was due, please turn it in when you return. If you are present and you turn in classwork or a sketchbook late, you will have 5 points automatically deducted from your grade. You will receive a zero for any projects that are submitted late until they have been turned in. If you do not turn a project in by the deadline, you are not eligible for resubmission.

EXAM

Your Exam is worth 25% of your final grade. It is a teacher made exam; Seniors may EXEMPT it with a grade of an 80 or higher, 3 or less absences, and 4 or less tardies. You should take advantage of this if you can!

SPRING 2023 SCHEDULE